

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are presently active; Claims 1 and 10 have been presently amended.

In the Office Action dated August 23, 2005. Claims 1-6, 9-15, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bohn (U.S. Pat. No. 6,033,086) in view of Miyashita et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,604,606). Claims 7, 8, 16, 17, 19, and 20 were objected to for being dependent from a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to clarify the subject matter of the present invention. As clarified, independent Claims 1 and 10 define that the first illuminating light portion and the second illuminating light portion are balanced in quantity.

Applicants respectfully submit that the contents of “a certain ratio,” which the Office Action asserts lacks a claimed definition (Page 8 of the Office Action), is made more specific in independent Claims 1 and 10 by clarifying that the purpose of blocking “at least a part of both the first and second illuminating light portions with a certain ratio of a light-blocking rate for the first illuminating light portion to a light-blocking rate for the second illuminating light portion of the illuminating light” is to balance the first illuminating light portion and the second illuminating light portion in quantity.

The above-described feature is substantially recited in allowed Claims 8, 17, 19, and 20. Further, it is believed that neither Bohn nor Miyashita et al discloses or suggests the above-described feature.

Accordingly, it is believed that Claims 1-6, 9-15, and 18 are allowable over Bohn and Miyashita et al.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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